AIRSPACE OVER DUNKIRK.
JULY 19TH, 1944
WE GOT 2 MEDIUM AND 3 LARGE NEUROI ON RADAR.
3RD NIGHT FIGHTER WING SHOULD ESCORT THE BOMBER.
LEAVE THE REST TO ME ...
THEY JUST WANT THE PERFECT PICTURE ANYWAY.

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WORLD WITCHES
Contrail of Witches
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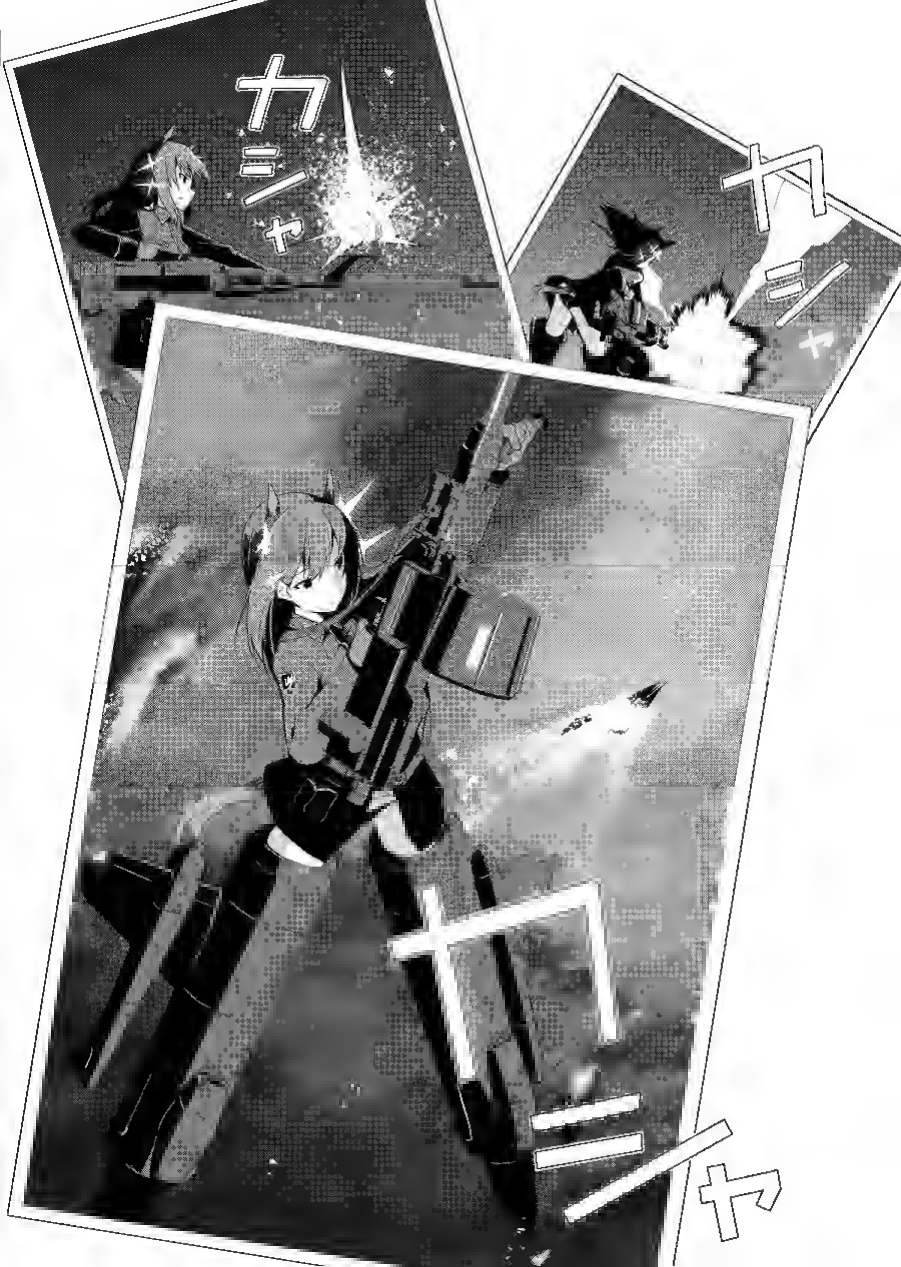
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LT. COLONEL HELMINA JOHANNA SIGLINDE LENT.
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AN ACE WITH A KILL COUNT OF OVER 100 IN NIGHT BATTLES.
COMMANDER OF KARLSLAND'S NACHTJAGDGESCHADER 3.

A JOB TO BE CARRIED OUT BY A SPECIAL NIGHTTIME PHOTO-GRAPHY UNIT ESCORTED WITH FIGHTERS.
THIS OPERATION WAS DEALT BY THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPART-MENT.
LENT'S EFFORTS GAVE HOPE TO CIVILIANS AROUND THE WORLD.
THIS PR FILM WAS USED IN MANY NEWS BROAD-CASTS AND TV PROGRAMS TO FOLLOW.
THEREBY CREATING A SCENE CALLED "SHOOTING UNDER MOONLIGHT" WITHOUT LOSING TRACK OF THE ENEMY.
ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER WAS NOT SUITABLE FOR SHOOTING, LT. COL. LED THE NEUROI ABOVE THE CLOUDS.
AND SO ...

WHAT THE-?!
FAN LETTERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD FOR YOU, LT. COLONEL!
MAIL IS ALSO A DUTY OF A NIGHT WITCH.
I HOPED IT WOULD IMPROVE OUR MORALE.
IT'S MORE THAN I EXP-ECTED.
WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!
I'M FLATTERED. BUT TO READ ALL OF THEM WILL BE A LITTLE DIFFICULT.
HOW DILIGENT! IT'S OKAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!

"THAT CALM, DARK SHADOW LIKE A FLOWER THAT BLOOMS AT NIGHT."
"YOUR SHARP EYES PIERCE THE NIGHT SKY."
THEY REALLY HONOR ME.
AND NOT ONE COULD WRITE "YOU WORRY SO MUCH YOUR FOREHEAD WRINKLES?"
HA HA HA!
WELL, I MUST GO ON PATROL NOW SO I'LL LEAVE THIS TO YOU.
YES, MA'AM!
AWFULLY CLEAR SKY OVER BRITANNIA.
STATIC? THIS VOICE ...

SANYA? IS THAT YOU?
FORMER 501ST JFW
FL. LT. SANYA V. LITVYAK
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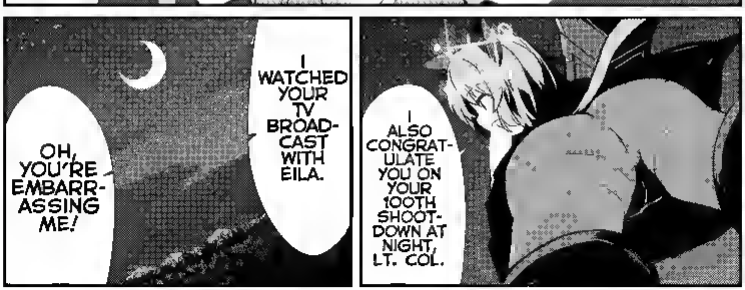
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU AND THE 501ST.
THE LEGENDARY WITCHES WHO LIBERATED GALLIA. IT'S AN HONOR TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

IT WORKED OUT BECAUSE EVERY-ONE WAS THERE TO HELP.
IT'S NICE TO HAVE FRIENDS TO LEAN ON.


I ALSO CONGRAT-ULATE YOU ON YOUR 100TH SHOOT-DOWN AT NIGHT, LT. COL.
I WATCHED YOUR TV BROAD-CAST WITH EILA.
OH, YOU'RE EMBARR-ASSING ME!

I SOMETIMES COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER NJG 3 MEMBERS...
BACK-BITING?
...AND YOUR NAME ALWAYS COMES UP!
OF COURSE NOT! THEY ALWAYS SAY THEY LOVE HOW YOU LISTEN TO THEM.
IS IT REALLY THAT HELPFUL?
AT NIGHT, THERE'S NOT MANY PEOPLE TO TALK TO...
...I CAN'T JUST IGNORE THOSE GIRLS.
DOES THAT INCLUDE MS. HEIDEMARIE?
RIGHT...
IT WAS...
LAST AUTUMN MAYBE...?

BRITANNIA.
EARLY AUTUMN 1943
KARLSLAND'S NACHTJAGDGESCHADER BASE.
THE SYSTEM AMPLIFIES A WITCH'S MAGIC CROWN TO FORM A PSEUDO RADAR.
WITH THIS, EVEN THOSE WITH LOW APTITUDE CAN OPERATE AT NIGHT.
OR SO I HOPED ....

IT'S NOT SOME INSTANT BOLT-ON SUPER POWER THAT LETS YOU SEE ENEMIES...
I SEE 'EM!
IT STILL TAKES PRACTICE TO USE WELL.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE AFTER ALL!
COOP-ERATION IS ESSENTIAL WITH THOSE WHO INHERENTLY HAVE THIS POWER.
I'M COUNT-ING ON YOU.
YOU GOT IT!

IT'S NO WONDER THESE TWO ARE SO STIFF.
S-SORRY...
AT LEAST I STILL HAVE SOME MOTIV-ATION LEFT...
HEIDE-MARIE W. SCHN-AUFER.
BORN WITH INCRED-IBLY STRONG NIGHT-VISION CAPA-BILITES.
A YOUNG PRODIGY WHO'S ALREADY DEFEATED MANY NEURO! THREATS.
BUT SHE IS NOT VERY SOCIAL AND LACKS PROPER COMM-UNICATION SKILLS.
HEINRIKE PRINZ-ESSIN ZU SAYN-WITTGEN-STEIN.
BORN TO A NOBLE FAMILY, SHE RECEIVED A GREAT EDU-CATION IN HER YOUTH.
SHE IS CHARIS-MATIC AND HIGHLY SKILLED.
HOWEVER, HER LACK OF COOP-ERATION CAUSES ISSUES FOR OTHERS.

DAMN YOU, MARSHALL GORING!
EVEN THOUGH THESE TWO HAVE PROBLEMS, THEY ARE GREAT WITCHES!
I'M SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THEM!
A PRINCESS WHO'S YOUNGER THAN ME AND A GIRL WHO HAS NO WILL TO FIGHT.
THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS ...
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TWO SOMETHING ...
IS THERE ANY TRICK TO USING THESE MAGIC CROWNS?
LET ME EXPLAIN ...
THE CROWNS TRANSMIT AND RECEIVE WAVES THAT HELP YOU DETERMINE THE ENEMY DISTANCE, ANGLE, AND ALTITUDE.
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KARLSLAND INSISTS LICHTENSTEIN TYPE IS THE ORIGINAL, BUT IN FACT IT CAME FROM THE YAGI-UDA TYPE-
WHOA! WAIT, WAIT!
ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT AN INHERENT POWER, BUT RATHER A TECHNOLOGY. IT CAN BE DIVIDED INTO LICHTENSTEIN-TYPE AND BRITANNIAN-TYPE.
CAN YOU EXPLAIN A BIT MORE SLOWLY ...?
HMPH
...EVEN I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HER...
WELL THEN, YOU TELL HER!
WHA-?!
YOU CAN, CAN'T YOU?

CONFI-
WHAT? SPEAK UP!
QUIT MUMBLING AND HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE SO SHE CAN HEAR!
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I.. WELL ...
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I'M SORRY ...
DON'T APOLOGIZE TO ME!
YEAH, I KNOW I CAN BE SORT OF LOOSE-LIPPED SOMETIMES.
FORGET IT! I'M SORRY, OKAY?
LOOKS LIKE I WON'T LEARN ANYTHING TODAY ...
GOD!!!
HOW CAN SUCH A CRYBABY BE BETTER THAN ME?!

DO YOU LADIES HAVE SOME FREE TIME NOW?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, BRINGING US ON A SHOPPING TRIP?
OH? YOU DON'T LIKE SHOPPING?

...UM
WE DON'T HATE IT.
JUST SEEMS A LITTLE UNPRO-FESSIONAL DON'T YOU THINK?
NO. RELAX-ING OFF DUTY IS A TASK TOO.
AND I'VE HEARD THERE'S PLENTY OF GOOD PLACES TO EAT AROUND HERE.
LET'S GO SEE!

HAA! THAT WAS GOOD!
YOU BOUGHT SO MUCH ...
BEST WAY TO SQUANDER YOUR TIME!
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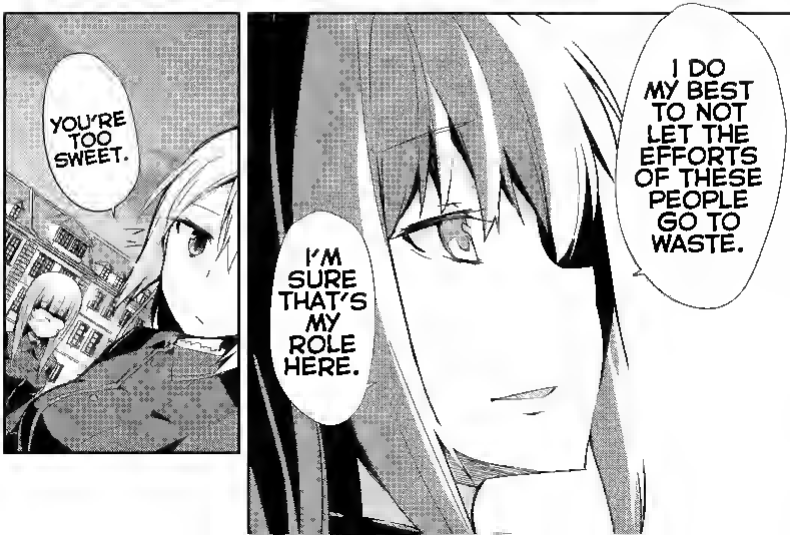
I ADMIT IT'S NICE TO LOOSEN UP ONCE IN A WHILE.
AND THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY REALLY ADORED THE MAJOR ...
WHAT'S WRONG, HEIDEMARIE?
WELL ...

HOW SHOULD I PUT IT... HOW CAN I BE LIKE YOU?
LIKE ME?
THE MAJOR IS A TOP ACE IN NIGHT BATTLES ...
HOW CAN YOU FIGHT SO WELL?
HOW, YOU ASK? AREN'T YOU A GREAT FIGHTER YOURSELF, HEIDEMARIE?
JUST IN MERE NUMBERS ....
I CAN DEFEAT ENEMIES, BUT I CAN'T COMMUNICATE WITH MY ALLIES... SO OUR STRATEGY IS A MESS...
MAJOR LENT IS SO CALM AND STRONG, EVEN THOUGH SHE ISN'T MADE FOR NIGHT COMBAT.
I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE.
AND YOU STILL SOMEHOW MANAGE TO PAY ATTENTION TO ALL OF US.
YOUR ABILITIES ARE REALLY AWESOME ...
THAT'S WHAT I THINK.

IS THE PRAISE FOR YOUR SKILL-LEVEL AND STRENGTH NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?
YOU CAN ACHIEVE GREATNESS WITH YOUR SKILLS ALONE. WHY THE HELL ARE YOU COMPLAIN-ING?
...
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, MY FRIEND.
THESE GIRLS ARE POLAR OPPO-SITES.
ONE WANTS TO DO EVERY-THING ALONE.
ONE DOESN'T WANT TO DO ANY-THING ALONE.
I SEE ...
EH?
BUT I... RELY ON YOU TWO MORE THAN YOU THINK...
I SEE YOUR POINTS ...
AND YET THEY ARE SO SIMILAR.
THIS WAS A STANDARD COMBAT UNIT BEFORE.
THEN ONE DAY THEY MODIFIED IT FOR NIGHT COMBAT.

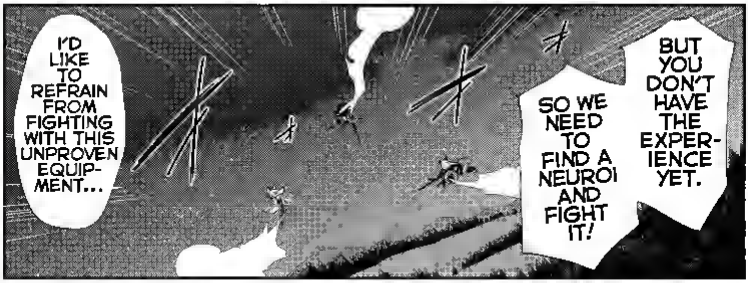
"YOU TRY TOO HARD TO CARRY EVERY-THING ON YOUR SHOULDER.
I CRIED AND CRIED AND WANTED TO QUIT MANY TIMES.
BACK THEN, WE HAD NO IDEA HOW TO FIGHT AT NIGHT. WE WERE IN TOTAL DARKNESS.
BUT AT THOSE TIMES, MY SUPERIOR CAME TO CHEER ME UP.
THOSE WHO FLY TOGETHER WILL SUPPORT YOU IN ROUGH TIMES.
WE ARE NEVER ALONE OUT THERE.
SHE TURNED THE BATTLES AROUND IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
AFTER THAT, SHE WORKED WITH CIVIL DEFENSE AND GROUND RADAR TO FIGHT BACK.

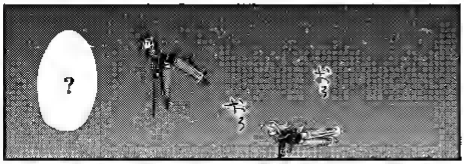

YOU'RE TOO SWEET.
I'M SURE THAT'S MY ROLE HERE.
I DO MY BEST TO NOT LET THE EFFORTS OF THESE PEOPLE GO TO WASTE.

I'M SURE YOU'LL UNDER-STAND IT SOMEDAY.
THE OUTPUT OF THIS MAGIC CROWN'S AUXILLARY BOOST IS INTENSE!

SEEMS LIKE YOU CAN SEND AND RECEIVE WAVES.
NOW YOU JUST HAVE TO RELAY THAT INFO BY REFLEX!

THESE STAT-ISTICS... I CAN NEVER GET USED TO 'EM NO MATTER HOW I TRY...


I'D LIKE TO REFRAIN FROM FIGHTING WITH THIS UNPROVEN EQUIP-MENT...
SO WE NEED TO FIND A NEUROI AND FIGHT IT!
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE EXPER-IENCE YET.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HOW ABOUT LEARNING IN A MORE ENJOY-ABLE WAY? NOT COMBAT.

A NIGHT WITCH FLIES ALONE FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME.
THEY TEND TO DRIFT OFF INTO THEIR OWN WORLDS.
FAR AWAY?
YOU CAN TRY TALKING TO OTHER NIGHT WITCHES FAR AWAY.
Space
Ion Sphere
Earth
I CAN USE THE REFLECTION OF THE IONOSPHERE TO DELIVER MY VOICE EVEN FURHTER.
I WAS REALLY SUPRISED WHEN I HEARD THIS ONE GIRL SINGING.
SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
GOOD GRIEF, WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'RE ON PATROL FOR?
W-WITH PLEASURE!
COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME MORE?
I SEE...
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN SUCH CHILD'S PLAY.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, WITTGENSTEIN?

WHAT IS THIS FEEL-ING?!
!!
THEY EMIT A UNIQUE SOUND, SO TRY TO REMEMBER IT!
THAT'S A NEURO!
THESE GIRLS CAN READ INFOR-MATION IN AN INSTANT.
SO THIS IS A MAGIC RADAR'S POWER ...
IT'S NOT SO FAR NORTH. LET'S GET IT!
ONLY ONE. AND IT'S SMALL.

CAN YOU LEAVE THE COMMAND TO ME?
AFTER WE CONFIRM THE OPPONENT, I'LL DOLE OUT ORDERS.
COPY THAT!
I SEE IT.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!
I HAVE A BAD FEEL-ING ABOUT THIS ...

WHOEVER MOVES FIRST WINS!
HEIN-RIKE! WAIT !!!
I ALWAYS DO THIS...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...

WHAT IS THIS SOUND ...?!
IT'S TOO STRONG !!!
IS IT CALLING FOR BACKUP?
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WHAT JUST HAPPENED ?!
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